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COUNTRIES - POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING
PROGRAMS

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1. GERMAN ECONCOOPMIN EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT EMBASSY
WOULD BE INQUIRING ABOUT FRG POPULATION AND FAMILY
PLANNING (P/FP) ASSISTANCE, SINCE THE ENTIRE COMPLEX
OF FRG P/FP PROGRAMS WAS EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED WITH
U.S. EXPERTS DURING THE FEBRUARY VISIT TO WASHINGTON
OF FRG AID MINISTER SCHLEI. OUR CONTACT, DR. ERNERT,
REFERRED IN PARTICULAR TO THE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS
WITH EXPERTS SUCH AS DR. RAVENHOLT.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT AND A.I.D. ARE AWARE, THE FRG HAS
NEVER BEEN A LEADER AMONG THE DONOR COUNTRIES IN THE
P/FP FIELD. THERE IS NO LINE ITEM IN THE ECONCOOPMIN
BUDGET FOR BILATERAL POPULATION PROJECTS; SUCH
ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST HAD TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ALLOT-
MENTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIFIC LDC'S. THE
FRG WILL NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN SUGGESTING
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POPULATION PROGRAMS FOR A PARTICULAR COUNTRY; SUCH AN
INITIATIVE MUST COME FROM THE RECIPIENT. ERNERT NOTED
THAT THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS, RECOGNIZING THAT P/FP
PROGRAMS HAD TO COME OUT OF THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
ALLOTMENT, OFTEN PREFERRED THAT PROJECTS OF HIGHER
PRIORITY THAN POPULATION BE FUNDED.

3. AS EXPLAINED TO A.I.D. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, THE FRG IS NOW ABLE TO USE BILATERAL LOAN FUNDS FOR P/FP PROGRAMS. THIS WILL INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GERMAN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS AREA. ERNERT REFERRED TO POTENTIAL PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN, WHICH COULD BE CARRIED THROUGH TOGETHER WITH THE U.S. AND SWEDEN. THE TRADITIONAL FOCUS OF FRG PROGRAMS ON THE ENTIRE SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL/FP APPROACH WILL CONTINUE; THE FRG DOES NOT ENVISAGE A ROLE FOR ITSELF IN STRICTLY POPULATION CONTROL ACTIVITIES.

4. TABULAR BREAKDOWN IN PARA. 3 REF D IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE FRG, SINCE NO ACCOUNTING IS AVAILABLE ON BILATERAL PROGRAMS. MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE, ALL DIRECTED TO THE UNFPA, WAS AS FOLLOWS: 1970 AND 1971 - DM 5.5 MILLION ANNUALY; 1972 - DM 7.5 MILLION; 1973 - DM 10.5 MILLION; 1974 - DM 15 MILLION; 1975, 1976 AND PLANNED 1977 - DM 18 MILLION ANNUALLY.

5. ERNERT WOULD BE MOST ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. VIEWS ON P/FP ACTIVITIES SINCE SCHLEI VISIT. IN PARTICULAR, HE IS ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF THE U.S. HAS MADE A DECISION ON THE TROPICAL DISEASE RESEARCH PROGRAM OF WHO.
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